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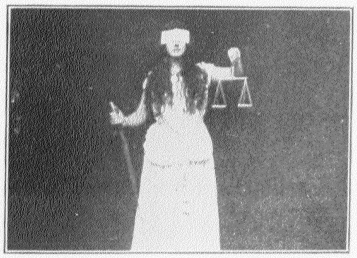

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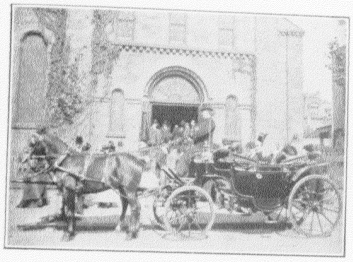
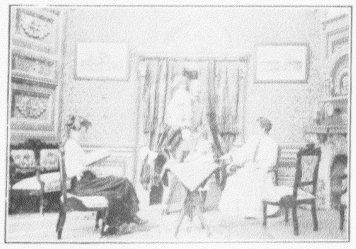


The Banker as a Church Member

The president of the leading bank of a great city is entering his carriage as it stands in front of the fashionable church at the close of Sunday services. Members of the congregation, of which he is the chief pillar, crowd about to pay respectful homage to their honored brother.

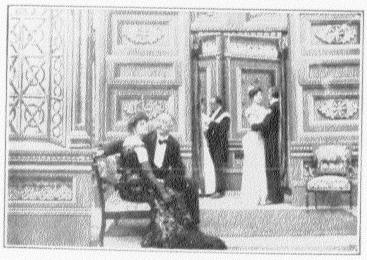


The Banker at Home

He drives to his palatial mansion, where he is lovingly greeted by his fond wife and affectionate children, who meet him in spacious apartments, luxuriously furnished at the expense of the bank's depositors.

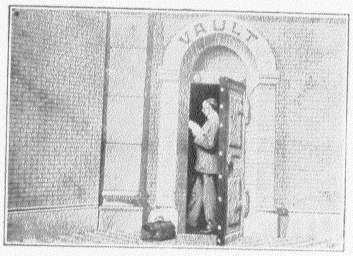
At the Bank

The banker, in an expensive, imported automobile, is seen on his way to the bank. He reaches the bank. The doors are open. Hard working depositors are in line waiting their turn, eager to add their little mite to the banker's hoard.



His Wife's Rival

After banking hours the first chapter of the banker's double life is revealed. After an automobile drive through the park, the banker and his mistress, upon whom he has lavished fortunes, enter a fashionable cafe to dine in sumptuous style.

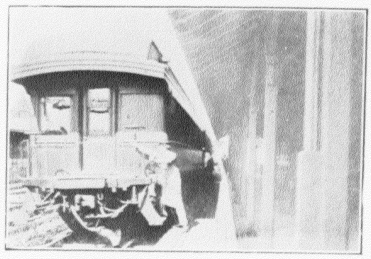


Looting the Bank

Back to the bank to collect the loot. It is after banking hours and, except the unsuspecting watchman the banker is alone. Bonds and securities in the vault are carefully examined. Nothing but gilt edge papers of negotiable character, and bank notes of the largest denomination shall be taken.

The Bird in a Gilded Cage

The bank is looted. With traveling bag stuffed with spoils, the banker is off to the house of his mistress, where she reigns like a bird in a gilded cage. She meets him on the steps. They hasten to her boudoir to make their hurried preparations for flight.

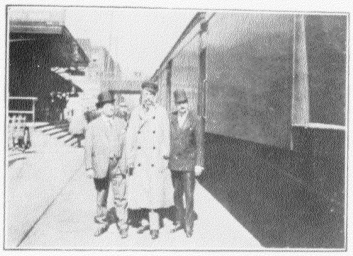


The Flight

A sound is heard outside. Already the defalcation has been discovered. The detectives are on the trail. Cunningly disguised the fugitive banker eludes the detectives on watch, and reaching the railroad station, succeeds in catching the train just as it starts.

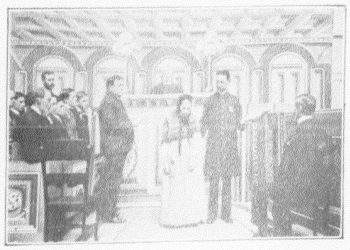
Some of the Depositors

The scene changes to the homes of some of the depositors. Women and children are seen at their daily toil in humble abodes, slaving and scraping together every penny to be laid away in the bank against the coming of the dreaded day of sickness and trouble.



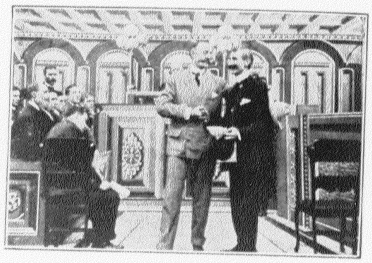
Captured

Arriving at a distant city the banker registers at a hotel under an assumed name. But the officers of the law track him down, and he is brought back to the scene of his crime for trial.



Convicted for Stealing Bread

There are dramatic scenes in the courtroom. An old woman, driven by hunger to the theft of a loaf of bread, is on trial. She was starving and had no money, so she is convicted. She is sentenced and taken to jail.



Acquitted, While Stealing a Million

The next case for trial is that of the defaulting banker. The evidence is clear. The banker stole a million, but he still has it; so he is acquitted. He is honorably discharged, and as he departs he smilingly receives the congratulations of his able counsel and friends.

Justice Ashamed

Grand allegorical finale of Justice blindfolded. She poises her scales. At the verdict of acquittal the weight of gold bears down the scales and

JUSTICE BOWS HER HEAD IN SHAME.

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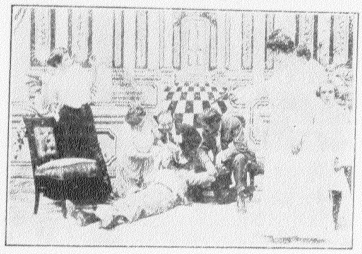

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